



Acts and Laws,

Passed by the General Court or Assembly of His Majesty's English Colony of *Connecticut*, in *New-England*, in *America*; holden at *New-Haven*, in said Colony, on the Second Thursday of *October*, in the *Eleventh* Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, of *Great-Britain*, &c. King; *Anno Domini*, 1771.

An Act in further addition to an Act, intituled, "An Act for forming and regulating the *Militia*; and for the Encouragement of Military Skill, for the better Defence of this Colony."

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Towns of *Danbury*, *Ridgefield*, *New-Town*, and *New-Fairfield*, shall be one entire Regiment, distinguished and called by the Name of the *Sixteenth* Regiment: And shall be under the same Rules and Orders, and have the same Powers, Privileges, and Advantages as other Regiments of this Colony by Law have.

Limits of the
16th Regi-
ment of Mi-
litia.

An Act to prevent Injustice by the Bills of Credit of the neighbouring Colonies, passing in this Colony.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the passing of Paper Bills or Bills of Credit, as a Medium of Trade, not carrying in the Face of them a sufficient Security for Payment in Money to the Possessors, in a reasonable Time, the Sums therein mentioned, hath formerly proved very Prejudicial to the Trade of this Colony, and occasioned Injustice in dealing, by Reason of the Depreciation of such Bills :

Which for the future to prevent ;

After the 1st of Jan. 1772, no Bills of Credit to be received in Payment, except, &c.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of January, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand, Seven Hundred, and Seventy-Two, no Person or Persons shall directly or indirectly, utter or receive in any Payment, Trade, or Dealing in this Colony, any Bill or Bills of Credit, emitted, or that may be hereafter emitted by any of the neighbouring Colonies, except such Bills secure to the Possessors thereof (appearing on the Face of the Bills) the Value of the Sum expressed in such Bills, to be paid in Silver or Gold, in a reasonable Time, not exceeding Two Years, if without Interest, or not exceeding Five Years on Interest.

Penalty for a Breach of this Act.

And whosoever shall be guilty of the Breach of this Act, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Five Pounds*, or such greater Sum, not exceeding *Twenty Pounds*, as the Court before whom the Conviction is, (having respect to the Aggravations of the Offence) shall judge reasonable ; one Half of which Penalty shall belong to the Treasury of the County wherein the Trial is had, and the other Half to any Person who shall Sue for, and Prosecute the same to effect.

A proviso.

Provided nevertheless, That nothing in this Act shall extend to prohibit the Currency in this Colony of any of the Bills of Credit emitted by the Province of New-York, before the First Day of January, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand, Seven Hundred, and Sixty-Eight.

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Lifters directed in their Office and Duty.

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An Act in addition to a Law of this Colony, intituled, "An Act for the direction of Lifters in their "Office and Duty."

WHEREAS in said Act it is enacted, That all Traders, Tradesmen, and Artificers shall be rated in the List proportionable to their Gains and Returns, according to the best Judgment and Discretion of the Lifters ; but no particular Direction being therein given, at what Rate such Gains shall be set in the List, the Lifters have not acted uniformly therein :

Preamble.

For remedy whereof ;

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all Traders or Shop-Keepers in this Colony shall be rated in the List, after the rate of Ten per Cent. on the prime Cost of all Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes which they purchase for Sale by Retail ; (except the Produce and Manufactures of this Colony) and all Traders by Wholesale, Tradesmen, Artificers, Tavern-Keepers and others by Law Rateable, on Account of their Faculty or Business, shall be rated in the List to the Amount of their annual Gains, Incomes or clear Profits by means of their Business, according to the best Estimate that can be made thereof, by the Lifters, who shall assess such Traders, Tradesmen, &c. by their best Discretion, agreeable to the Rules aforesaid : But when it appears that any Persons have been unsuccessful, or sustained considerable Losses in their Trade, in such Cases the Lifters may make proper Abatement for the same.

Traders, and Shop-keepers, how rated.

Tradesmen, &c. how rated.

And if any Person shall be assessed by the Lifters for any of the Matters aforesaid, more than at the Rates aforesaid, upon Proof thereof, by Oath, or otherwise, to the Satisfaction of the Lifters, or Authority and Select-Men who have Right by Law to grant Relief, such Over-charge may be abated.

Remedy for Persons over-rated.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Curricule, Chaise, or other riding Wheel-Carriage, with a covered Top, shall be rated in the List of the Owners thereof, Five Pounds ; and every open Chair and other open Top riding Wheel-Carriage, Three Pounds.

Riding Wheel-Carriages rated.

That every Dwelling-House of One Story high, with Two Rooms and Two Fire-Places on the Floor, shall be rated and set in the List at Twenty Shillings ; and every such House with Three Rooms and Three Fire-Places on a Floor, at Thirty Shillings,

Dwelling-Houses of different Dimensions rated.

Shillings, and those with Four Rooms and Four Fire-Places on a Floor, at *Forty Shillings*: And every Dwelling-House of Two Stories high, and Two Rooms and Two Fire-Places on the lower Floor, at *Forty Shillings*; and every Dwelling-House of Two Stories high, with more than Two Rooms and Two Fire-Places on the lower Floor, at *Three Pounds*.

Part of an Act repealed. *Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That that Part of said Act directing that each Dwelling-House, having Three Acres of Land adjoining, said Land to be set in the List at Twenty Shillings per Acre, be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed.*

An Act in addition to one Law of this Colony, intituled, "An Act to prevent Trespasses in taking up and disposing of Saw-Mill Logs, and other Timber, floating down the Rivulet called Windsor-Ferry River.

Preamble. *WHEREAS large Quantities of Logs and other Timber, Shingles and Staves, are floated down said River, and by the Floods are carried on to the Lands and Meadows of particular Persons, and the Owners of such Lands suffer considerable Damages thereby:*

Which for the future to prevent:

Lumber floating down Windsor Ferry River how disposed of.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That when Saw-Mill Logs, Timber, Staves, or Shingles floating down said River, shall be carried on to, and lodge on the Meadows or improved Lands of any particular Person, it shall be the Duty of the Owners or Possessors of such Lands or Meadows whereon such Logs, Timber, Staves or Shingles are lodged, to enter an Account of the same on the Records of the Town Clerk of the Town where such Lands lie, within Thirty Days next after such Logs, Timber, Staves, or Shingles shall be found lodged, as aforesaid, with the particular Marks thereof, and length of the Timber or Logs, and the Place where the same are lodged as aforesaid: And the Owner of such Timber, Logs, &c. shall (on proving his Property thereto) have Liberty to carry off his Timber, Logs, &c. lodged as aforesaid, on paying the Owners or Possessors of such Lands his or their reasonable Damages sustained by said Timber, &c. remaining on, and in carrying the same off said Lands; to be assessed

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assessed by the next Assistant or Justice of the Peace, in Case the Parties do not agree ; and also *Six-pence* for entering the same on Record, as aforesaid.

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if no Person appear to Claim and carry off such Logs, Timber, Staves, or Shingles, within Nine Months after the Record thereof, made as aforesaid, the Owner of such Lands whereon the same are lodged, as aforesaid, may appropriate the same to his own Use ; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

No Owner
appearing in
nine Months
after Record.

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall without Liberty first had of the Owners or Possessors of the Lands or Meadows whereon such Timber, Logs, Staves, or Shingles are lodged, and the Marks recorded, as aforesaid, attempt to remove the same, or without first paying reasonable Damages, and said Sum for Record, as aforesaid, such Person or Persons so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the Owner or Possessor of such Lands or Meadows, the Value of such Timber, Logs, Staves, or Shingles so attempted to be removed ; to be recovered by Bill, Complaint, or Information.

Persons re-
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and Records, as aforesaid.

But any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding, as aforesaid, may appropriate the same to his own use as aforesaid. The Owner of such Lands whereas the same are situated within Nine Months after the Record thereof, shall appear to Claim and carry off such Logs, Timber, Staves, &c. if further needed by the shewers aforesaid. There is no

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